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**PATENT**

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**Applicant:** Swanson

**Serial No.:** 10/727,149

**Filing Date:** December 2, 2003

**Title:** Surgical Methods And Apparatus For Maintaining Contact Between Tissue And Electrophysiology Elements And Confirming Whether A Therapeutic Lesion Has Been Formed

**Group Art Unit:** 3762

**Examiner:** Unassigned

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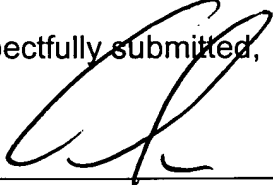
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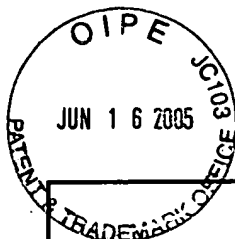
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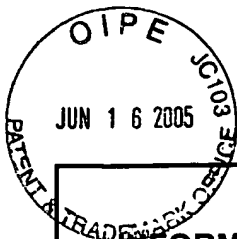
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